Avonwick and North Huish Community Hall Project
Report to Annual Parish Meeting 2015

Significant achievements in our first year:-

Formed a committee with a Constitution and a Declaration of Trust

Took membership of Community Council of Devon (later called Devon Communities Together) with the help of a £50 grant from the Parish Council. CCD membership proved invaluable for advice and support throughout the year.

First Public Consultation Meeting held June 2014. Attended by over 10% of the parish population. An overwhelmingly positive response received with new volunteers and committee members coming forward. Costs covered by grant of £450 from Cllr Vint and £64.80p from Parish Council.

Apple Pie Fair held September 2014 as a community fun event. Sponsored by Luscombe Maye and other advertisers to help with insurance and setup costs. Very successful event which attracted over 350 visitors and raised £700 for the project.

Grant of £10,000 received from Big Lottery Fund December 2015 to carry out a Feasibility Study for a Community Hall.

Study work commenced January 2015 with a Community Questionnaire Survey. Devon Communities Together were engaged as consultants by ANHCHP to do questionnaire design and analysis. The Final Report to be released early June 2015. Thanks to Volunteers who valiantly delivered and collected the Forms.

Public Meeting held April 2015 where DCT presented the Survey results. With 50% of the parishes households responding and over 60% of the parish population filling in the forms, DCT reported this a very successful return and the results statistically significant. About 84% of the respondents were in support of a new Community Hall.

Having so clearly answered the question 'Do we want a new Community Hall?' in the last year the project will concentrate on the Feasibility Study in the coming year.

Community events are also being planned with the Big Lunch event on 7th June and the 2nd Apple Pie Fair on 20th September.

The Community Website (www.avonwicknorthhuish.co.uk/) received a grant of £100 from Cllr Steer to cover hosting costs and is proving a popular site for news and information about community activities in the parish together with Facebook and Twitter feeds..

A big thanks must go to all the Projects volunteers during this busy year and especial thanks to Alex Green (press and publicity), Liz Rider (Treasurer) and to Lisette Granados (Secretary) for a prodigious amount of time and hard work to make everything happen.

Thanks also to the Parish Council for their support and grants during our first year.

P Tyler, Chairperson